

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 5:21

I. INTRO: DO WE *REALLY* WANT TO GET WHAT WE DESERVE?

“ He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

– 2 Corinthians 5:21, CSB

II. JESUS WAS PERFECT AND WITHOUT SIN.

- Jesus' perfect life
- Jesus' life of ministry

III. JESUS TOOK OUR PLACE. WE DESERVED TO BE ON THE CROSS.

- He took on our sin.
- We take on His righteousness.

IV. WHAT IS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD?

- God's righteousness is being “right.”
- God's righteousness is our gift.

V. CLOSING: THE GREAT GIFT!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Why is it important to acknowledge and believe the perfection of Jesus' earthly life?
2. What changes should happen in my life because of this great exchange of my sin for His righteousness?
3. What is the difference between being “perfect” and being “righteous?” Which does God expect from me?